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May 3, 2007

Rex Gantenbein, Director Center for Rural Wealth Research and Education University of Wyoming 1000 E. University Avenue Laramie, WY 82071

Subject: Letter of commitment

Dear Dr. Gantenbein:

The Wyoming Department of Health, Public Wealth and Terrorism Preparedness Program is pleased to offer \$100,000 in support of your grant proposal for FCC Rural Health Care Pilot Program funds. The Wyoming Telehealth Network project is an opportunity to provide healthcare access for Wyoming citizens, and support critical communications during disasters or widespread medical emergencies.

This funding commitment is contingent on approval from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as this is 100% federal funding. If you need additional information, please do not he sitate to contact me at (307) 777-5778.

Sincerely,

Angela Van Heuten

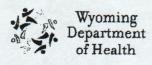
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**Subject:** Commitment of Support:

Dear Dr. Gantenbein:

I am very excited about the potential of your partnership with the Wyoming Health Information Organization (WyHIO) to build infrastructure for the provision of telehealth services in Wyoming. Given the frontier environment of our state and the remoteness of our population, telehealth and telemedicine are essential tools in both access to and quality of healthcare for our citizens. Also, these are key strategies in the recruitment and retention of high quality healthcare providers in our frontier communities.

Both access to care and healthcare workforce development are priorities of the Office of Rural Health (ORH). Therefore, please accept our commitment of \$15,000 during the time period July 1,2007 – June 30, 2008 to support this important work. The source of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of this contribution is federal funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); the remaining five thousand dollars (\$5,000) of funding is State of Wyoming General Fund appropriated for the work of the ORH.

Thank you for the invitation to serve on the Interim Board for this project. This work is an important first step in bringing these necessary technologies to Wyoming,

Sincerely,

Lynne Weidel, M.H.A. Manager

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Dear Dr. Gantenbein:

The Wyoming Association of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Centers (WAMHSAC) is very happy to support the proposal to establish a telehealth network in Wyoming. Major barriers to care in our state are the distance that many of our clients must travel in order to access services, and the many miles our staff must travel to bring services to our clients. This network will be a major step forward toward serving our disabled and mast vulnerable populations. There is no question that this network would make our services more effective.

In order to support the proposal, the twenty agencies that are members of our Association are willing to contribute the initial installation costs and 25% of the monthly network costs as quoted, or \$1,759 per site for a total of \$35,180 as their share of the network development.

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